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"NOBODY WHO'S LOOKING FOR
A GOOD IMAGE WILL EVER BE FREE. NO,
THAT KIND OF IMAGE DOESN'T GET YOU FREEDOM."

Malcolm X

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PIGS MOVE ON SAN FRANCISCO
PANTHERS

by Dan McCauslin
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SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- On the flimsiest of legal pretexts, San Francisco police Monday April 28 launched a frontal tear-gas assault on the Fillmore Street storefront headquarters of the Black Panther Party. Eleven party members in the office working on publicity for the May Day Free Huey Rally were arrested. All were later released and only two were charged.

At a press conference Tuesday, the national Panther leadership and their attorney Charles Garry called the raid a blatant attempt to poison the atmosphere for the May 1 federal hearing on Huey P. Newton's bail appeal. They laid the blame for the raid directly on San Francisco Mayor Joseph S. Alioto.

Bobby Seale, Panther National Chairman, also revealed yet another legal attack on the Panthers..this time from the federal courts. Six Panthers from across the country, none of them national leaders, are being subpoenaed before a secret federal grand jury convening the day before Huey's appeal.

Alioto did his own hatchet work on the Panthers at his press conference. He called them men intent on the use of guns and announced flatly, "We will continue vigorous prosecution of them." Alioto had just returned from a visit with Nixon in Washington, and stopped on the way home to give an anti-Panther speech at the University of Notre Dame.

Alioto's goons began Monday's attack by busting a Panther sound truck about 3:00 in the afternoon for operating without a permit. Forty-five minutes later a posse of ten tac squad members moved on the Panther office where loudspeakers were still blaring. A Ser. Schaumleffel kicked in the front door and said later, "I became immediately aware of a man in a black leather jacket pointing a rifle at my stomach." He and his men dove behind cars parked along Fillmore and radioed for reinforcements. In minutes, a police helicopter

was circling overhead and cops were posted on every corner of the black Fillmore district.

The crowd gathering on the street began to throw bottles and cans at the heavily armed cops. They responded with a sudden machine gun burst into the air, and began firing grenades of highly toxic CS gas into the Panther office. The five men and six women inside staggered choking out the back door into a fenced-in yard.

One of the Panthers, Donald Cox, told LNS what happened.

"I was trying to help one of the sisters who was sick from the gas. She was throwing up and I was holding on to her when this pig says 'All right, nigger, move,' and fired a burst from his M-16 right through my hair. I could only presume he was shooting at my head so I hit the dirt. They charged me with suspicion of assaulting an officer -- they never even arraigned me -- but anybody knows what would have happened to me if I did anything with 150 pigs around.

"The pig who parted my hair, Big Red, said he was a member of the Kangaroo Club, and they planned to stay one step ahead of the Panthers."

The police then carted a box of guns out of the smoking building through the growing crowd (Panthers later announced they would sue to get them back). Three hundred teenagers split from the crowd and charged towards a discount house down a side street. A Panther was there on top of a car warning them that the owner was armed. He urged the kids to go home--unless they had guns. They should choose the time and place for a showdown, he said, and not be goaded by the pigs into a slaughter.

Another Panther soundtruck cruised the ghetto's main drag with the same message--if you don't have guns you don't belong on the street. But the younger black kids, many of them pre-teens, were ready for action. A smiling motorcycle cop cruised down Fillmore. When the barrage of empty half-pints hit, he almost fell off his bike, clawing for the throttle. A TV newsman got punched and his camera was ripped off. Some buses stalled in the crowd lost a few

windows; a cadillac windshield was smashed and the well-tailored driver sped off down Fillmore, spitting glass.

Police made only token attempts to clear the crowd. In a few hours it was all over on the street, and coughing Panthers were hauling boxes of spoiled food meant for the breakfasts-for-children program from the office.

The draining coast-to-coast battle for survival in the courts drags on. In a Tuesday post-press conference huddle with Kathleen Cleaver and Garry, Bobby Seale's eyes burned with fatigue. The talk was who was going to check out what new legal hassle. But when the assignments were made, and they broke to take care of business, Seale's eyes flashed the old defiance.

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[Note: Watch for more developments on this in the next packet.]

ANTI-WAR GROUP TO ATTEND DOW MEETING

LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- The stockholders of the Dow Chemical Company will have some unwanted guests when they meet in Midland, Mich., May 7.

Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, the national inter-faith anti-war group, has announced plans to attend the meeting to "voice our conscience."

A statement from the group said: "We bitterly protest the use of the chemical genius of American industry for making products that so terribly mutilate the human body as napalm does. We are in anguish that American industry allows its talent and capacity to devise defoliants whose strategic purpose is to deprive innocent civilians, like ourselves, of food."

People interested in joining the group for the Dow meeting should contact Theodore W. Johnson, phone 213-749-8518 or 213-427-7422.

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MAY DAY: PROUDLY STABLE

POP MALCOLM X'S BIRTHDAY:

SOON QUOTES

Liberation News Service

If you are not careful, the newspaper will have you hating the people who are being oppressed and loving the people who are doing the oppressing.

I'm for anybody who's for freedom. I'm for anybody who's for justice. I'm for anybody who's for equality. I'm not for anybody who tells me to turn the other cheek when a cracker is busting my jaw. I'm not for anybody who tells black people to be non-violent while nobody is telling white people to be non-violent.

Never be non-violent unless you run into some non-violence.

Power in defense of freedom is greater than power in behalf of tyranny and oppression, because real power comes from the conviction which produces action, uncompromising action. It also produces insurrection against oppression. The only way you end oppression is with power.

Anytime Uncle Sam, with all his machinery for warfare, is held to a draw by some rice eaters, he's lost the battle.

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[The above quotations may be used to accompany the drawing of Malcolm X which appears on page P-3. This month marks Malcolm's 44th birthday.]

ANYWHERE HE WANTS

TALLAHASSEE (LNS) -- The cabinet of the State of Florida gave its approval to a Federal request to build a helicopter pad in Biscayne Bay.

"Why do they want a helicopter pad in the bay," asked a cabinet member.

"For the President," said another official. "He can get on anywhere he wants."

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OPERATION FOR OUR TIMES

"Slog the snot for the Fro's"

- headline in the N.Y. Post

"We're going out for the CI"

- found a way in the LNS office

more...

YOU CAN'T BE-IN ANYMORE

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. (LNS) -- More than 600 marchers chanting "no more pigs in the community" marched at the county courthouse April 19 in protest of a brutal raid on a be-in one week earlier. The sheriff's department, target of the protest, retaliated by attempting to link drugs, communism, and the Universal Life Church with those arrested.

In a news release, the sheriff claimed two men arrested on drug charges in an unrelated incident were members of the Universal Life Church. He allowed television cameramen a look at "subversive" books and posters. Then, in an obvious attempt to establish guilt by association, he claimed that some of those arrested at the be-in were also members of the Universal Life Church.

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WHAT SIZE IS THE RIGHT SIZE?

PHILADELPHIA, Pa. (LNS) -- Plastic surgeons have reported that business is looking good. More and more everyday Americans are seeking their help.

The surgeons made their observations at a science writer's seminar on "The Quest for Youth and Beauty" held recently at Temple University.

Among the surgical procedures now commonly sought are: thigh lifts, arm lifts and belly lifts, face lifts, hair transplants, removal of wrinkles, frown lines and baggy eyelids; reduction of oversized breasts and augmentation of under-sized breasts, and reconstruction of the nose, ears and chin. (One doctor told the seminar that operations to increase the size of breasts are more common than breast reduction surgery.)

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POLICE HARRASSMENT CHALLENGED

TUCSON, Az. (LNS) -- Over 200 persons from the community and the University, blacks and whites, marched to a City Council meeting here to present 4 demands in protest of official apathy toward repeated police harrassment of black students.

Demands included an investigation to erase the records resulting from illegal arrests of 16 blacks during the previous two weeks, the creation of an independent civilian review board, a public hearing to look into charges against the police, and an end to intimidation of blacks by police.

Mayor James N. Corbett, Jr. high-handedly adjourned the meeting over the vote of the Council and cries of protest from the audience, refusing to make any further comment on the community's requests, although he later appointed a committee of 3 councilmen to aid him in looking into the matter.

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GERMAN STUDENTS PROMISE HOT SUMMER

BONN (LNS) -- Leftist and moderate students in West Germany promised "the hottest summer ever" in their country.

These predictions of an upswing in radical activity came after a cut-off of government funds from the National Union of Students, which is the West German equivalent to the National Students Association. The union had a \$200,000 government subsidy, but the fat cats were upset by a recent decision by the union to work for a "revolutionization of society" and to collaborate with campus activists (especially the militant SDS.)

At the same time, state government officials have agreed to expel campus activists for as long as three years.

The Social Democratic Party, furthermore, has cut off financial support from its student subsidiary.

The development of post-war Germany on a U.S. model is having some interesting side-effects.

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THE REASON BEHIND IT ALL

"Communists labor ceaselessly to exploit the racial situation and to incite racial strife and violence in this country. They have been active in exploiting propagandawise the riots of recent years. One main communist goal is to alienate Negroes from established authority."

J. Edgar Hoover, ON COMMUNISM

JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS
PONDER FINAL SOLUTION TO CAMPUS REBELLIONS

LIBERATION News Service

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- In little offices deep in the maze of Justice Department corridors, Nixon appointees are contemplating a final solution to campus rebellion.

In an interview with Elizabeth Drew, Washington editor of the Atlantic Monthly, Richard Kleindienst, second in command of the Justice Department, said. "Let's take these students. I would encourage students to probe and seek, up to the time they would close down the institution which gives them freedom of expression. If you can show a concerted form of activity of a subversive nature where people similarly inclined spread throughout the country to fan this, then it becomes the role of the federal government to suppress that form of subversive activity..."

[On SDS] "If that or any group was organized on a national basis to subvert our society, then I think Congress should pass laws to suppress that activity. When you see an epidemic like this cropping up all over the country--the same kind of people saying the same kinds of things--you begin to get the picture that it is a national subversive activity.

"If people demonstrate in a manner to interfere with others, they should be rounded up and put in a detention camp." (emphasis added)

Deputy Attorney General Kleindienst is one of the men responsible for an increase in overt fascism in American government: as director of field operations for Goldwater in 1964, he created the catchword "law and order."

It was Kleindienst who "suggested to me that I make law and order my principal issue," Goldwater commented at the Senate hearing on confirmation of Kleindienst's new position. Kleindienst held the same position in Nixon's campaign in 1968--director of field operations --and pushed the emphasis on "law and order."

Publication of the interview with Kleindienst in the May issue of the Atlantic Monthly

brought a quick denial from the Justice Department that there were plans to put student demonstrators in detention camps. However, they refuse to confirm or deny Kleindienst's comments.

But the remarks of Will Wilson, new head of the Criminal Division of the Justice Department and chief prosecutor for the Federal government, complement those of Kleindienst, and indicate that the top men in the Justice Department are indeed intent upon drastic measures to stop campus protest.

Wilson stated: "I think if you could get all of them in the penitentiary, you'd stop it. The ringleaders, I'm talking about. I don't think the American public is going to tolerate the destruction of universities, or the turning them into schools for revolution, when they realize that's what they're intent is, rather than hot or cold lunches."

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31,379 NAMES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- One of the most dramatic protests against the U.S. aggression in Vietnam was made recently by Paul Findley, a Republican congressman from Illinois. Findley inserted the names of the U.S. dead in Vietnam in the Congressional record. The honor roll of 31,379 names took up 121 pages and cost the government \$10,000 printing fees.

Findley said that the publication of the names should show the "precise width, breadth, and depth of the war Mr. Nixon has inherited." Findley has called for Nixon to withdraw U.S. combat forces from Vietnam.

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CURTAILING THE JOB CORPS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- Another example of the priority scale being used by the Nixon administration emerged recently when the government announced plans to close 59 Job Corps centers by July 1. Some 3,000 Job Corps recruits scheduled to leave for training centers were held up because of the policy shift. The cutback was described as the "meat-axe approach" by liberal congressmen.

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YOUTH IN SPAIN

by Lalo Perez

LIBERATION News Service

(Editor's note: The author is a South American journalist who has been living in Madrid for the past seven months.)

MADRID (LNS) -- From late January to late March, Spain lived under a "state of exception" --an elegant way of saying "state of seige." During this period, the regime suspended certain "rights" -- prohibiting free expression, carrying out searches of homes, preventing groups from meeting in public, censoring the press, etc. Ironically, the fact is that for a long time -- thirty years to be precise -- the Spanish people have not had these guarantees.

Inside Spain, therefore, the special measure went practically unnoticed, while it did receive some attention abroad.

Manuel Fraga Iribarne, who holds the important post of Minister of Information and Tourism, declared that the "state of exception" was being declared "to prevent a French-style May revolt." For this reason, the universities of Madrid and Barcelona, principal student centers of the country, were closed.

From the explanation given by Fraga Iribarne, one might conclude that Spain now confronts a student offensive capable of loosening the mortar between the bricks that support Franco. Fraga himself expressed the fear of the government:

"There are hopes to include Spain in the worldwide wave of confusion and subversion -- a strategy which makes use of the naivete of young people in order to involve them in an orgy of nihilism, anarchism and disobedience."

There's one problem with all this -- a serious problem. For some time the Spanish student movement, or Spanish youth in general, have not carried out an effective mobilization of the kind that justifies the fear of the Franco spokesman. In fact, the "state of exception" measures were most likely taken as a result of increasing rumors about political activity within the military and the growing pretension of the monarchists for power-- not because of student agitation.

The political structure of Spain--unchanged since Franco assumed charge of the country after a gruelling civil war -- firmly resists the march of events which affects the rest of the world. This political structure helps us understand the gaping backwardness which separates Spain from the rest of Europe.

The winds of revolution that could move the youth of Spain find no sails to fill. The young people of Spain live indifferent to the cancer which corrodes it.

There are many causes. Looking at some of them will enable us to have a better understanding of the panorama of Spain in general and its youth in particular.

Risk and Repression

Being a student in Spain implies a series of risks -- especially for the few Spanish students who, in one way or another, achieve a sense of consciousness about what it means to live under a system of permanent repression.

Although they are an insignificant minority within the entire student body, these few young people must live permanently underground, as if fighting to be free means for them, paradoxically, to live like fugitive slaves. In any case, both the majority and the minority are compelled to look on quietly as the university becomes a government military reservation.

The University City of Madrid -- an architectural monument to fascism -- is constantly patrolled by police jeeps, buses filled with cops, police tanks equipped with fire-hoses, cars with photographic installations to take pictures of any suspicious clusters of students.

On the grassy malls there are mounted police who brandish swords in front of the indignant and fearful eyes of the students. In the door of each school, there are policemen who demand students ID cards every day. As if this weren't enough, groups of armed police walk through the inside corridors of the gray buildings.

Beyond this -- something which is incredible in the second half of the 20th century -- in each classroom there are policemen, too, patiently listening to the lectures along with the students.

All this doesn't take into account the great

quantity of student finks, paid by the police to denounce their fellow students. Here they are called "social" police.

For each student in the University City, there are four police officers. This includes the doormen and building guards of the schools, who at the end of the school day, change their aristocratic uniforms for police uniforms, with nightstick and revolver, as if to reaffirm their commitment to their profession.

The Weight of Tradition

In Spain the institution of the family is just that -- an institution, with rigid laws which can only be broken if you are prepared to be expelled from the family. These are values which have a staying power and which have been handed down from the time of Bourbon Spain -- the same period which marked the beginning of the fall of the powerful Spanish empire.

Spain filled itself with castles, jewels and kings, and families became more rigid, closed and cut off from the rest of society.

The Catholic Church took advantage of the situation, acting with such talent that even today the concordat between the Vatican and Spain is in effect.

The generation which emerged from the Civil War (1936-39) grew up within this family structure, helping to consolidate it after the traumatic experience of brother taking arms against brother. Young people of today, although they weren't even born when the war ended, listen with boredom to the Franco or "nationalist" version of the war, which, by various means is put forward daily by the regime.

This has an advantage, too: young people are not afraid of Franco; their parents are. The revolutionary potential of the Spanish youth is just that -- a potential. So far, this potential is totally immersed in the religious and family formation which affects Spain's young people. Spanish students have been educated within norms as rigid as the family and religious norms, so it is very difficult for them to express themselves on a political level.

The Church has been a basic element within this situation, exercising an influence which is conservative, backward, aristocratic and anachronistic.

All this provokes an indifference which leads to despair among the few student leaders. They bitterly watch their fellow students battling for their diplomas and bourgeois homes.

Furthermore, the intellectual isolation in which the Spanish student lives helps maintain and sharpen this problem. The press, radio and TV are totally controlled by the Church and by the Franco regime.

From following the Spanish mass media, one would think there was no outside world, no revolutionary movements in Latin American and Africa. Little is said about the growing student rebellion in the United States, France, Germany or Italy. The subject matters are always the same -- tourism, the by-gone glories of Spanish literati, the kings and their descendants, bullfights and soccer.

No one escapes this syndrome.

Books with political content circulate clandestinely.

Only one School of Sociology continues to exist. The rest have been closed: the use of social science to examine Spain is seen by the regime as a threat.

Education in general is orientated around the thinking of St. Thomas Aquinas. Catholic morals are put across from grade school through university level, and no course can be approved if it is not in accordance with the teachings of the Church.

The cinema is cruelly mutilated by censors.

Sex is a taboo subject matter which no one dares talk about -- confirming a fact which can be explained by saying, as Marcuse did, that the "actual purpose of the planning of sexuality is to submit the individual to social imperatives."

Few leaders can emerge from the paranoia which has been schematically presented here. The few leaders that there are end up choosing between jail and exile, preferring exile because the regime possesses efficient means to prevent political work from going on in the jails.

The University Militia -- the Spanish military service -- also is a form of social purification. Whoever can show a "good conduct" certificate can save himself from two years of military life in places as unattractive as the Spanish Sahara.

In order to obtain this certificate it is necessary to prove your support for the regime and to sign a document in which you promise not to participate in demonstrations of any sort-- under penalty of annulment of any course credits. Very few Spaniards worry about obtaining this certificate, however. Some don't want it and others belittle it.

But there always remains a lamentable fact: the conformity of young people creates difficulties for the rapid progress of political work, and builds still further obstacles for a revolutionary solution to the situation in Spain.

(--translation by Allen Young, LNS.)

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PEACE CORPS AT WAR WITH ITSELF

MONROVIA, Liberia (LNS) --The Peace Corps is not exempt from tensions that are disrupting other U.S. institutions.

Volunteers in Liberia are organizing because they feel that the Peace Corps has "drifted into the lethargy and lassitude which seems to be the norm for established bureaucratic institutions."

Volunteers want a voice in decision making instead of being at the mercy of a staff that, as one volunteer put it, doesn't "...know anything about Liberia except what they hear at parties."

Dr. William Gaymon, psychologist and head of the Liberia Peace Corps, views the dissenters unkindly. To their request for power, he replies: "The staff members are Government officials, duly vested with certain powers. We are not untrained kids." According to Dr. Gaymon, the President of Liberia "is not going to deal with a bunch of volunteers on a basis of equality-- he wants to deal with me."

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PRIESTS OPPOSE POPE'S DICTUMS

NEW YORK (LNS) -- Revolt within the ranks of the Catholic Church is growing -- focusing now on Pope Paul's encyclicals on birth control and celibacy.

A study of seminaries in the U.S. found that about half of this nation's future priests oppose the law forbidding priests to marry. Thirty-one Brooklyn priests, to make their dissent more personal, issued a statement that they consider themselves free to marry and to remain at their posts.

Most dissent is swiftly suppressed, but the church continues to be challenged. Nearly 3000 American priests left the active ministry last year.

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DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON BRUTALIZATION

WASHINGTON (LNS) -- Congressional investigation of the Indian boarding school in Chilocco, Oklahoma, has caused a stir in the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Mistreatment of students by some of the staff was considered material for a report rather than action after investigation by a bureau team. Students were found handcuffed, subject to physical abuse and living in a "reformatory" atmosphere.

Although the Bureau was criticized for its slow reaction to reports, some Senators and Bureau officials questioned the veracity of the original report and claimed that the investigating committee had done a hatchet job on the school.

Sen. Mike Gravel (D.-Alaska) who visited the school and met the 250 students there, claimed that he had never seen a happier group of kids.

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NAZI LEAFLET AIRDROP

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (LNS) -- The New Left might have something to learn about propaganda distribution from the Old Right. A single-engine plane was used recently to drop Nazi leaflets over Maryland and Virginia cities on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. Police said that they had received complaints and were turning copies of the leaflet over to the Federal Aviation Administration.

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"Actually you can't separate peace from freedom because no one can be at peace unless he has his freedom." Malcolm X

OLD FRIENDS GET TOGETHER

BUENOS AIRES (LNS) -- West Germany and Argentina recently signed an agreement to intensify scientific cooperation, especially in nuclear and space investigation.

The Germans have also developed ties in the scientific field with the government of Brazil, which, like the Argentine government, is a military dictatorship.

In reporting the German-Argentine agreements, The Christian Science Monitor noted that this was possibly a renewal of "old links between the Argentine and German armies."

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REFORMERS AIMING FOR YOUTH VOTE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- A group of coat-and-tie reformers are launching a national campaign to get the vote for 18-year-olds. The Youth Franchise coalition, which has found support in such organizations as the Democratic and Republican parties, the YMCA and the National Student Association, says they will concentrate their efforts in lobbying state and national legislators.

The leaders of the coalition are trying to get young people "to believe in it." They are aiming not only for students, but also "the others, those who marry young and become part of the labor force." In California, the coalition has already launched a costly public-relations campaign, and in New York, Minnesota, Virginia and New Mexico other lobbying activities are being carried out.

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GERM WARFARE

MANILA (LNS) -- The Pentagon may have found still another way of destroying Asian people. The World Health Organization has found that venereal disease has reached near-epidemic proportions in some countries in the western Pacific, due to military mobilization in the area.

The U.N. Health Organization also reported that many strains of gonorrhea in the area had shown an increased resistance to penicillin and that substantial numbers of both civilians and soldiers were not responding to treatment.

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RESISTERS FLOODING THE COURTS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- In spite of government repression, draft resistance continues to increase. There are nearly twice as many draft cases in Federal courts as there were a year ago. If the same rate of prosecuting holds true for the next few months, Selective Service cases will probably be the third greatest producer of criminal court business.

The government does not know what line to take on the increasing number of draft resisters. Authorities admit that neither tactics like the bombing halt nor hard-line measures like the prosecution of prominent resisters seem to have any effect in discouraging young men from refusing induction.

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MORALITY AND PUBLIC HOUSING

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- The Washington Public Housing Authority has denied a low-rent home here to James and Beulah Higgs, a couple who have lived together for 12 years and who have seven children. The reason: the couple admitted they were not legally married.

No "moral judgment" is involved, says Edward Aronov, director of the National Capital Housing Authority. "We're keeping them out because there is a law against living in adultery."

The problem is that Mrs. Higgs was not legally divorced from her previous husband, whom she hasn't seen in ten years. If she

had lied about this, or applied for the housing for herself and children alone, she probably could have gotten the place. The Higgs are suing the housing authority.

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MILITARY TWITCHY FINGERS ON ABM TRIGGER

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- To be effective, the ABM (Anti-Ballistic Missile) must have a "hair trigger" reaction that only military men can give it, according to testimony given by Defense Department officials at a secret Senate hearing.

In public, and in open Congressional hearings, the traditional presidential control over military weapons has been asserted, but in closed sessions, David Packard, Deputy Defense Secretary; and Dr. John Foster, Pentagon Chief of Research and Engineering, have admitted that because of the time factor, firing authority will probably be delegated, in either an accidental or deliberate attack.

Opponents of the ABM such as Rep. Nedzi (D-Mich.) have admitted after research that the efficacy of the ABM demands the "hair trigger" reaction. Nevertheless, many opponents of the ABM system are more afraid of the Pentagon "hair trigger" than of any other aspect of the system.

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CHINESE INFLUX WORRIES BAY AREA

SAN FRANCISCO (LNS) -- The fat cats of the San Francisco Bay Area are worried about a "yellow peril" of their own. A local "social planning council" is going to investigate the increasingly heavy influx of Chinese -- about 8,000 people a year -- from Hong Kong into San Francisco.

These engineers are worried about the alleged growth of "juvenile delinquency" among the Chinese population here, now numbering more

than 50,000. Norman Coliver, Chairman of the Council, said that San Francisco's Chinatown has a population density second in the U.S. only to Manhattan.

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ONE MORE INSTITUTION IN TROUBLE

MORRISTOWN, N.J. (LNS) -- Things are getting pretty heavy at Greystone Park, the largest mental hospital in New Jersey. Five nurses and three attendants recently quit their jobs to protest conditions. Simultaneously, Morris County Prosecutor Charles Egan announced that his office would join in an investigation of sexual abuses of girl patients. According to UPI, the investigation was begun secretly several months ago by state police. Reports indicated that some attendants were running a prostitution ring involving female patients.

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WHO WANTS TO DIE IN KOREA?

NEW YORK (LNS) -- An overwhelming majority of Americans oppose going to war with Korea -- even if U.S. spy planes and ships continue to run into trouble.

According to a poll taken for Time Magazine, only 8 per cent of 1,600 respondents favored going to war. The question asked was: "What do you think the U.S. should do if North Korea refuses to stop capturing our ships or shooting down our planes?"

There was no reference in the poll to the fact that the ships and planes are used for espionage, and no answer suggested that the U.S. stop its aggression toward Korea.

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"There is so much immorality, every man should have his own wife, and every woman should have her own husband." Corinthians

THE BEATLES AND POLITICS
LIBERATION News Service

LONDON (LNS) -- The following exchange of letters appeared in the Black Dwarf, a revolutionary socialist bi-weekly published in England.)

An Open Letter to John Lennon
from John Hoyland

* * *

Dear John,

So they've done you after all. I didn't think they ever would. It's a nasty experience, and I offer you my sympathy, for what it's worth. But I hope you won't be depressed about it. In fact I hope this experience will help you understand certain things that you seemed a bit blind to before. (That sounds patronizing. But I can't think how else to put it...)

Above all: perhaps now you'll see what it is you're (we're) up against. Not nasty people. Not even neurosis, or spiritual undernourishment. What we're confronted with is a repressive, vicious, authoritarian SYSTEM. A system which is inhuman and immoral, because it deprives 99% of humanity of the right to live their lives their own way. A system which will screw you if you step out of line and behave just a tiny bit differently from the way those in power want.

Such a system--such a society--is so racked by contradiction and tension and unhappiness that all relationships within it are poisoned. You KNOW this. You know, from your own experience, how little control over their lives working-class people are permitted to have. You know what a sick, evil, and brutalizing business it is to be a "success" in this kind of rat-race. How can love and kindness between human beings grow in such a society? The SYSTEM has got to be changed before people can live the full, loving lives that you have said you want.

Now do you see what was wrong with your record "Revolution"? That record was no more revolutionary than Mrs. Dale's Diary. In order to change the world we've got to understand what's wrong with the world. And then--destroy

it. Ruthlessly. This is not cruelty or madness. It is one of the most passionate forms of love. Because what we're fighting is suffering, oppression, humiliation--the immense toll of unhappiness caused by capitalism. And any "love" which does not pit itself against these things is sloppy and irrelevant.

There is no such thing as a polite revolution. That doesn't mean that violence is always the right way, or even that you should necessarily turn up at the next demonstration. (There are other ways of challenging the system.) But it does mean understanding that the privileged will do almost anything--will murder and torture and destroy, will foster ignorance and apathy and selfishness at home and will burn children abroad--rather than hand over their power.

What will you do when Apple IS as big as Marks and Spencers, and one day its employees decide to take it over and run it for themselves? Will you let them get away with it? Or will you call in the police--because you are a businessman, and Businessmen Must Protect Their Interests?

One last thing. You've written some marvellous, honest, beautiful music, (And it's an indication of the weird effect capitalism has had on you that you felt it was necessary to pretend that in doing so you were only conning people.) But recently your music has lost its bite. At a time when the music of the Stones has been getting stronger and stronger. Why? Because we're living in a world that is splitting down the middle. The split is between the rich and the poor, the powerful and the powerless. You can see it here, and in the jungles of Vietnam, and in the mountains of South Africa, and in the ghettos of the U.S. and in the Universities all over the world. It's the great drama of the second half of the 20th Century--the battle for human dignity fought by the exploited and the underprivileged of the world. The Stones, helped along a bit by their experiences with the law, have understood this and they've understood that the life and authenticity of their music -- quite apart from their personal integrity--demanded that they take part in this drama--that they refuse to accept the system that's fucking up our lives. You did it for a bit when you were taking

acid--the only time in your career when you stepped outside the cheeky chappy slot the establishment had slid you in to, and the time when your music was at its best. But they didn't bust you (why not, John?), and the way was open for you to come to represent not rebellion, or love, or poetry, or mysticism, but Big Business.

But after all, they still hate you, even if you are a company director. They hate you because you act funny and because you're working class (in origin at least) and you're undisciplined and you weren't in the army and, above all, you've been going out with a foreigner. So now it's happened.

As I said before, don't be too upset about it. In an unjust and corrupt society there is no dishonour in being arrested, and certainly none of us on the left are going to think any the worse of you for it.

But learn from it, John. Look at the society we're living in, and ask yourself: why? And then--come and join us

John Hoyland

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A Very Open Letter to John Hoyland
from John Lennon

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Dear John,

Your letter didn't sound patronising--it was. Who do you think you are? What do you think you know? I'm not only up against the establishment but you, too, it seems. I KNOW what I'm up against--narrow minds--rich/poor. All your relationships may be poisoned -- it depends how you look at it. What kind of system do you propose and who would run it?

I don't remember saying Revolution was revolutionary--fuck Mrs Dale. Listen to all three versions (Revolution 1, 2, and 9) then try again, dear John. You say "in order to change the world we've got to understand what's wrong with the world. And then--destroy it Ruthlessly." You're obviously on a destruction kick. I'll tell you what's wrong with it--People -- so do you want to destroy them? Ruthlessly? Until you/we change your/our heads there's no chance. Tell me of one successful

revolution. Who fucked up communism - christianity - capitalism - buddhism, etc? Sick Heads and nothing else. Do you think that all the enemy wear capitalist badges so that you can shoot them? It's a bit naive, John. You seem to think it's just a class war.

Apple was never intended to BE as big as Marks and Spencers -- our only reference to it was to get the kind of deal we used to get from this nasty capitalist shop when we were downtrodden working class students and bought a sweater or something which was reasonably cheap and lasted. We set up Apple with the money we as workers earned, so that we could control what we did productionwise, as much as we could. If it ever gets taken over by other workers, as far as I'm concerned, they can have it.

When I say we con people--I mean we're selling dreams. Friends of mind like Dylan and Stones, etc. who are doing THEIR bit would understand what I said--ask them--then work it out.

The establishment never slotted us into a "cheeky chappy" bag, dear John--WE DID--to get here to do what we're doing now. I was there, you weren't. So suddenly the papers told you we were taking acid--two years after the event! So you decided that our music was best then. You're probably right about why they didn't bust me before--they, like you, had me 'tagged.' I'll tell you something -- I've been up against the same people all my life -- I KNOW they still hate me. There's no difference now--just the size of the game has changed. Then it was school masters, relatives, etc.--now I'm arrested or ticked off by fascists or brothers in endless fucking prose.

Who's upset about the arrest? OK, I'll have a cup of tea. I don't worry about what you--the left--the middle--the right or any fucking boys' club think, I'm not that BOURGEOIS.

Look man, I was/am not against you. Instead of splitting hairs about the Beatles and the Stones--think a little bigger--look at the world we're living in, John, and ask yourself: why? And then--come and join us.

Love,
John Lennon
(P.S. You smash it--and I'll build around it.)

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John Hoyland Replies

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Dear John,

It must be nice for you not to be in any boy's clubs.

You're right, though. My letter was patronizing, and maybe some of the things I raised in it were trivial. It's what you say about the more serious ones that I want to deal with. Above all, my point was that we've got to understand that the hang-ups emanate largely from the kind of society we live in. Unless you see this you end up blaming it all on nasty men. I think this is much more naive than blaming it on the class war. Yet this is what you do. You say what's wrong with the world is narrow minds, sick heads--people.

That's funny, because we're supposed to be the ones with 'minds that hate' who are 'on a destruction kick.' But we don't blame people, and we wouldn't want to shoot all the capitalists even if they did wear badges, because we think it's natural for them to behave the way they do. What we blame is the form of society which produces them--which BY ITS NATURE is competitive, puts profit before principle, places power and privilege in the hands of the few at the expense of many, etc. Given such a society a lot of people (rich/poor) are necessarily selfish, narrow-minded, unscrupulous. They have to be. That's the way the system works. Build a better form of society--one based on cooperation and participation and sharing--and people will respond accordingly. And we know this will happen, because we see history moving inexorably towards this kind of society--both in the capitalist countries and in the communist ones.

You talk a lot about sick heads. This also depends how you look at it. What you do think about a person who's content to sit around being beautiful while the rest of the world burns? What do you think about a person who claims to be concerned about people and their values, but remains silent when confronted by the actual struggles and sufferings of most of the human race? Are they sick too?

Not that I think you're wrong about people needing to straighten their heads out. It's just that in 'Revolution' you say that people who want to change institutions should free their minds 'instead.' Why INSTEAD? What makes you so sure that a lot of us haven't changed our heads in something like the way you recommend--and then found out IT WASN'T ENOUGH, because you simply cannot be completely turned on and happy when you know that kids are being roasted to death in Vietnam, when all around you you see people's individuality being stunted by the system. Why couldn't you have said 'as well'--which is what I would say?

You say you sell dreams. So do Cliff Richard and Engelbert Humperdinck. Is it just a question of whose dreams we like best? Or should we start to ask what role these dreams play in people's lives, what they make them do, whether they make them act or go to sleep, whether they're revolutionary dreams or go-to-sleep-and-forget-it-all dreams.

Let me tell you something back. I've been very involved in some of your music. The feeling I've got from songs like 'Strawberry Fields' and 'A Day in the Life' is part of what has made me into the kind of socialist I am. But then you suddenly went and kicked all that in the face with 'Revolution.' That was why I wrote to you--to answer an attack YOU made on us, to criticize a position YOU took...in relation to the revolutionary socialists movement--knowing that what you said would be listened to and respected by millions, whereas whatever reply we make here is read by only a few thousand.

Now you say you're not against us after all. Well, that's nice, because I'm certainly not against you. I just wish you were a bit more on our side. (We could do with a few good songs.)

As for who I am--what kind of question is that, for Christ's sake?

What do I know? I know it's possible for us to create a world which could one day become a loving paradise for every human being. Is that thinking big enough for you?

love and revolution,
John Hoyland

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[Note to Editors: The following article is a detailed theoretical statement on the link-up of the university to the American economy. It helps show that students and workers are not so different as some political people have said. This might be appropriate for publication by college or student-oriented papers as the school year comes to a close. An annotated version of this article appeared in the March issue of Leviathan.]

UNIVERSITIES AND CAPITALISM

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American colleges and universities have become key components of contemporary capitalism. They are an outstanding instance of the way in which the economic system -- the "base" -- has become integrated with the political, social and cultural institutions -- the "superstructure" of the corporation state. This integration is nowhere more evident than in the training functions of the mass education system. The growth of capitalism in the present period depends upon the availability of a large, highly skilled, technical-scientific labor force. No one corporation can afford to train its own labor force for there is no way to insure that its investment, once trained, will not seek employment elsewhere. The costs of training therefore have to be socialized. American colleges and universities, subsidized by government-collected taxes, have taken on the social function of training skilled personnel and developing knowledge for the needs of advanced capitalism. Far from merely "serving corporate capitalism" by providing occasional research and consulting services, the universities have become a basic point of production.

In the United States today there are two important features of the capitalist mode of production: 1) the acceleration of technological change; and 2) the emergence of technical knowledge as a factor of production.

1. With the overall rhythm of technological change accelerated, the life span of fixed capital (plant and equipment) is shortened, labor skills rapidly become redundant, and rationalization at

the point of production is increased. These tendencies have a number of causes: competition for markets between industrial-finance groups; annual model and style changes of commodities; built-in commodity obsolescence; political-military competition between the U.S. and the Soviet Union; tax laws favoring accelerated depreciation of plants and equipment; and the availability of cheap technical-scientific labor power.

2. With the emergence of technical knowledge as a necessary factor of production, economic growth increasingly depends more on the quality of labor power and machinery and less on the absolute number of men and machines in production. Skilled, technical labor power replaces simple labor power, and the knowledge of the work force becomes a fundamentally important productive factor. This is widely recognized by corporate economists and administrators, the former in their literature on "investment in human capital," the latter in their reference to the university as part of the "knowledge industry."

The relationship between the acceleration of technological change and the emergence of technical knowledge as a factor of production is basically simple. The constant creation of new commodities, alterations of old commodities, redesign of equipment, reorganization of work processes, and research and development in new productive processes require a constantly expanding technical-scientific labor force. The existence of this labor force, trained by the universities under the guidance of the state and at the expense of the working class as a whole (via tax exploitation), in turn makes the creation of new commodities, redesign of equipment, etc., more profitable.

Because the state, not the individual corporation, takes financial responsibility for university-trained labor and university-developed technology, the element of risk for individual corporations is virtually eliminated. As a result, productivity and production can be raised to a level hitherto unimaginable.

Because science and technology are basically

social in nature -- they cannot be owned and controlled like a machine -- private corporations and indeed individual countries have met with great difficulty in their attempts to monopolize these new productive forces. They cannot limit the diffusion of technical knowledge to even the capitalist world, much less to special interests within it. To tighten control over these new forces, the multi-national conglomerate corporation has been developed. And with this broadened form of organization they have developed a framework for rationalizing the use of technological resources to maximize profits.

However, the social character of scientific and technical knowledge means that ultimately no private form of business organization can completely contain and control it. For this knowledge to contribute to the benefit of the corporations, the intervention of the state is needed. In effect, a form of state capitalism must accompany the growth of the corporate conglomerate.

There are four ways in which the state can and has intervened in the corporate economy. In each role the state uses the socialized product of the university: technical and administrative knowledge. First, industrial-financial interests use state power to socialize the costs of production -- in particular, the costs of transforming raw labor power into technical-scientific labor power, the costs of retraining workers and the costs of research and development.

Funds are acquired by the state through public taxation, transformed into college and university facilities, and used to purchase training personnel and to subsidize the industrial trainees. Colleges and universities are thus not merely integral to the production process, but constitute another point of production, increasingly controlled, while not owned, by the corporate bourgeoisie as a whole.

Second, these interests use state power not only to socialize costs, but also to subsidize demand. The development of science and technology has reached the stage at which all economic needs can potentially be easily satisfied. Commodity demand based on real economic needs

rises only slowly, or not at all. Socially necessary labor steadily declines. Consequently, corporations are compelled to lay out larger and larger portions of profits on selling expenses, especially packaging, model changes, style changes, product differentiation, and forced commodity obsolescence, in order to maintain and expand the volume of demand by discouraging savings.

In short, commodities contain both use value and waste; economic waste increasingly replaces use values, and socially unnecessary labor (that which produces waste) replaces socially necessary labor (that which produces use value). To acquire use values to meet economic needs, the working classes are compelled to consume waste -- that is, pay for the expense of selling. The interpenetration of sales expenses and production costs, or waste and use values, is the basic method employed by business to maintain the level of demand. •

As points of merchandizing as well as points of production, colleges and universities help subsidize demand by accelerating the accumulation of waste. They are proving grounds for new marketing ideas, new products, new brands of "full employment" economics, etc. The activities of these "marketing departments" range from market research courses, home economics departments and seminars and Keynesian economics, to the art and industrial design schools which mobilize and apply creative talent to the latest problems of product design and packaging.

Third, the state has had to further embed itself in the corporate economy to help control the social risks resulting from its first two roles. The development of science and technology and the abundance of capital has led corporations to employ a capital-intensive technology despite the existing relative abundance of unskilled labor. From the standpoint of the corporations, it is more rational to combine technical-scientific labor power with capital-intensive technology than to combine simple labor power with labor-intensive technologies, for the costs of training technical-scientific labor power are met by taxation falling on the population at large.

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It is this system which has produced a large and growing stratum of unskilled, untrained workers, many of them black, who have never had industrial work experience and never will. This "post-industrial" proletariat does not constitute a reserve army of the unemployed because it does not compete with the "technical-scientific" proletariat. Unemployed, under-employed, and employed in menial jobs in the private and state sectors of the economy, these workers, particularly the younger ones, have become increasingly politicized. In black organizations, poor peoples' associations, unions and welfare rights leagues, this group is politically in motion and constitutes a "social problem" of the first order for the corporation state.

The colleges and universities, in this case functionally inseparable from the state bureaucracy, are thus more and more preoccupied with questions of "social stability," "law and order," "social reform," and so on. The behavioral sciences, sociology, social psychology, economics, and other academic fields are oriented to "solving" pressing "social problems" via the development of more refined instruments of social control and social discipline.

Finally, the state is employed at every step in the accumulation of capital abroad: in the acquisition of raw materials, the creation of investment opportunities, the creation of cheap labor havens, and the stabilization of international banking centers.

The state guarantees foreign investments, stabilizes monetary systems under the reign of the dollar, provides the economic infrastructure for private investments with public funds, subsidizes exports, bribes local client bourgeoisies and military groups, creates favorable tariff agreements, controls world commodity organizations, and generally exercises economic, political, and military control over unstable areas (i.e., all underdeveloped areas).

The role of the colleges and universities in U.S. economic and political policy abroad corresponds to their role in the local political economy. They are points of imperialist rule. They develop and promote new weapons systems, new instruments

of local, national, and international social control, new approaches to international marketing problems, and new economic theories which promote the hegemony of American business over world resources.

As a whole, therefore, the colleges and universities constitute four great overlapping departments of the U.S. ruling class -- they are points of production, points of merchandizing, points of state bureaucratic social control, and points of imperialist rule. Most of the existing functions of colleges and universities fall into one or more of these categories.

To be sure, the smaller upper class liberal arts institutions still train governing elites -- this has been their historical function. But the really important role of the university is to provide the kind of socialized technological-administrative skills outlined above. The colleges and universities therefore are not the "service stations" of the corporate system, but rather constitute a decisive and creative part of this system.

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DETROIT COPS USING VIDEO-TAPE

DETROIT (LNS) -- The Detroit police have purchased \$19,000 worth of videotape cameras "to enable the department to document police actions at demonstrations, sit-ins as well as to provide photographic coverage for intelligence-oriented units."

A spokesman for the Michigan chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union said that the group may challenge the use of such cameras on the grounds that they might intimidate people from expressing themselves and thereby violate Constitutional rights.

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WASHINGTON FREE PRESS HASSLED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (LNS) -- Police in Washington, D.C., and in nearby suburbs in Virginia and Maryland have been arresting people for possession and sale of the Washington Free Press. A recent edition of the Free Press had a cartoon of a naked judge masturbating.

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MINI-RIOT AT A DECENCY RALLY

by Jon Pierce

LIBERATION News Service

BALTIMORE, Md. (LNS)--Baltimore's Memorial Stadium Youth Decency Rally had for weeks been boosted by the local political hacks as a way of "making Baltimore's youth a shining example." But it nearly made the whole city a burning example of hatred when it came off on Sunday afternoon, April 20. It broke up in that stage of localized anarchic chaos which is just one step short of a full-fledged riot.

Between noon and 2:00 p.m., about 40,000 kids, two-thirds of them black, trooped into the stadium. They were expecting to hear James Brown and other soul bands: the rally's organizers had announced on local TV that Brown would be coming. Instead, what they heard was the sound of their own voices. The stadium's acoustical system was so shitty that even from a seat 60 feet behind home plate, it was impossible to hear anything that went on--until the National Anthem was played.

Brown didn't show; the other soul groups didn't show. After three hours of seeing inaudible white bands and majorette troupes which would have been more in place at the Oklahoma State Fair, the kids got restless. A few shoving matches started as the first contingents began to split. These broke up quickly, but a few minutes later, there were more major affairs--matters involving fists and bricks. About 3:15 the ambulances started coming in thick and fast--I observed six in a period of ten minutes.

And the heavy fighting started--one kid to the hospital with an eye wound, another with a stab in the chest. The 4:00 p.m. shift of cops came on duty early. One of the cops deliberately provoked a stampede at an exit ramp; others got on the busses kids were riding back to the center of the city and clubbed people indiscriminately.

A little store looting was reported during the early evening, both in the vicinity of the neighborhood and downtown, but no major riot

ensued. That this was the case resulted more from the stadium's location in a largely white neighborhood, than from any effort of the city administration. As one long-time observer of the local scene noted, "If this thing had been held at the (inner city) Civic Center, we'd have had another April 6 (1968).

As it was, there was plenty of blood. Over 150 were officially listed as injured and treated at local hospitals; several hundred more got lesser injuries.

Naturally, the local hacks didn't take the facts into account in ascribing the "blame" for the disturbances to the radical community. City Comptroller Hymie Pressman, principal moving force behind the rally, blamed the Black Panthers (who spent most of their time selling papers outside the stadium), and the Baltimore Defense Committee as "subversive elements who just came there to cause trouble."

Said Pressman, "It's because we've been too permissive with them all along that we have troubles like this." He and state's attorney Charles Moylan had high praise for the cops. Neither they nor the Baltimore Sun Mentioned the rally organizers' lie about James Brown, or admitted the total failure of the sound system.

If anything positive came out of the event, it was that not many appeared convinced with Pressman's story, or his explanation of why \$1000 of city money was spent on the event. Calling Pressman a "moron," one shop owner noted, "That's the last time I vote for him." Quite a few other people seemed to share the shop owner's views. But one hack out of office on election day doesn't make a decent society...

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MORE REPRESSION IN SAIGON

SAIGON (LNS)--The Saigon government struck out against the moderate wing of the South Vietnamese student movement last summer.

Ostensibly they were out to suppress "aiders and abettors" of communism, but the Saigon police ended up clamping down on everything from a moderate student newspaper to a group whose aim was to give relief to war victims.

These developments were revealed in an open letter sent in November by a group of Saigon students to "the students of the world."

The moderate students, whose principal demand was for an end to the fighting on humanitarian grounds, established in June a newspaper called "The Student." They dutifully submitted it to the censors. Two weeks after it was published with the censor's approval, the editor-in-chief of the paper and the Secretary General of a student organization were arrested by the police. Other students were threatened with violence and went into hiding.

In July, the editor was sentenced to five years at forced labor.

Two members of the University and High School Students for the Relief of War Victims were arrested in August but were finally released after a fast by twenty other students. Later in the month, the government reappropriated the building which housed the headquarters of the moderate student groups.

A student supporter of the National Liberation Front was arrested in September, on learning that he had a room at the new student offices, the police took him home and discovered NLF flags and leaflets. Although the moderate General Association of Saigon Students disclaimed any support of the NLF, the police invaded their office, wrecked the place while searching for NLF documents, and finished by arresting the chairman of the group for relief of war victims.

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WHITE PAPER ON WHITE MILITARY POWER - IN SOUTH AFRICA

JOHANNESBURG (LNS)--South Africa is arming itself to the teeth.

The recently issued government White Paper on Defense did not specify just who the enemy is. Presumably, it could be anyone who interferes with South Africa's exploitative apartheid system.

The white paper speaks of an "impending power vacuum" in the Indian Ocean area--one which, if not filled by the South African white supremacists, would be filled by the people of Africa--black liberation movements inside South Africa, black nations which oppose apartheid, anti-racist whites, and foreign countries which would support an armed liberation struggle.

Over the next five years, the government plans to spend almost \$2 billion to meet the "threat". Their defense system will include off-shore patrol boats, reconnaissance aircraft, a submarine base, a world-wide communications network, transport helicopters, and local manufacture of arms and ammunition.

South African whites are being encouraged to own weapons privately and to practice marksmanship. Local women's clubs hold target practice regularly. But the white rulers are apparently not going to rely on the military prowess of the whites, who are outnumbered five to one by black South Africans. The Defense White Paper claims that serious attention is being given to arming South African warships with guided missiles.

While no mention has yet been made of developing nuclear weapons, it is clear that the apartheid system is reaching a crisis point, at which it can try to maintain itself in power only by overwhelming force of arms.

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HOT TALE DOWN UNDER

SYDNEY, Australia (LNS)--Prime Minister John G. Gorton has been attacked recently on moral grounds. The press has accused him of impropriety in a late-at-night visit to the U.S. Embassy in the company of a 19-year-old woman reporter. The controversy heated up over the issue of just how long he stayed at the embassy.

The woman reporter, Geraldine Willesee, had a good defense: throughout the visit, she said, they were in the company of the 57-year-old Prime Minister's press secretary and others. Or maybe it was an orgy.

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HIGH SCHOOL ROUND-UP

by Alan Howard
LIBERATION News Service

NEW YORK (LNS) -- High school students expanded their offensive last week against the school system in the nation's largest city.

At Andrew Jackson High School in Queens more than a hundred students began the school day by taking over the cafeteria to dramatize their demands. Gathering support quickly, the students seized the auditorium, where nearly 400 of them held out for 20 minutes before the busts began. Two students were arrested, but the following day, 1500 students walked out in support of their brothers and sisters.

The students are demanding an end to suspensions and other forms of harassment, no more cops in the schools, and abolition of the tracking system, which discriminates against students by urging them into commercial and general courses.

They advocate Community Control, political power to students (including control of curriculum, and rights to distribute literature and organize) and Black and Puerto Rican studies.

Other demands include open admission to colleges, drug addiction programs, and an end to collaboration with the military. They also want official recognition of Black and Puerto Rican holidays.

Action in support of similar demands took place at Canarsie H.S., where 300 students staged a sit-in in the front hall, and at Lincoln High School, which was shut down for the day.

As more and more students are realizing how the school system manipulates them, those who control the system are applying their ultimate weapon - force.

Thus, Mayor Lindsay says it is time to crack down on "school rebels," and mounted police charge into students at Erasmus H.S. in Brooklyn, beating many and arresting dozens. The answer is always "More Cops!"

When students from John Jay and Lafayette marched to the Board of Education Building, they found hundreds of plainclothesmen and uniformed

police guarding the place. So the kids split, and went back to work out their next step in the struggle against the repressive bureaucracy which that old building at 110 Livingston Street has come to symbolize.

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NEWBURGH, N.Y. (LNS) -- Three students at Newburgh Free Academy, the city's public high school, were arrested after they seized the school's public address system and announced they had taken control of the building.

The seizure was to protest official inaction on demands made over a month ago by the Black Student Association. The demands call for school buses for black neighborhoods, a school holiday on the birthday of Martin Luther King, and a special assembly program honoring Malcolm X.

Newburgh's population is 75% Black and Puerto Rican.

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SILVER SPRINGS, Md. (LNS) -- Parents in this suburban area are organizing support for their children's freedom to learn. Mrs. R.C. Bond, a Silver Springs housewife, said she was particularly concerned over attempts to suppress efforts by high school students to publish and distribute "underground newspapers" in their schools. After her organizing activity became known, Mrs. Bond received an anonymous phone call threatening her children. But she plans to continue her efforts to organize adult support for students who are fighting for their right to hear the truth.

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NEW ORLEANS, La. (LNS) -- At Carver Senior High School, partially closed down due to a teachers' strike, 300 black students aimed a rock barrage at cops who would not permit the students to enter the school. When the dust cleared, two cops had been injured and three students arrested.

The students were in sympathy with the striking teachers, who had walked out on the issue of their right to carry on collective bargaining. The School Board contends that State law prohibits this.

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REBEL GI'S FREAK OUT THE BRASS

by Bob Heilbroner

LIBERATION News Service

The U.S. Army is freaked. GI anti-war activities are springing up at practically every military base around the country. The GI movement is clearly in its infancy, but that's quite enough to boggle the minds of the Army Brass. In its dumb brutality, the military machine can only grit its iron teeth and bring its big fist down on even the most restrained forms of protest.

An example of GI activity and Army response involves the "Fort Jackson Eight." The "Eight" are being held in pre-trial confinement at Fort Jackson, S.C. They are "charged" with "demonstrating" and "making political speeches" against the War in Vietnam.

The charges stem from the GIs' involvement in a peaceful anti-war meeting, March 20, which drew over one hundred troops. The meeting was organized by GIs United Against the War in Vietnam, an interracial though largely Black and Puerto Rican GI organization which has been attempting to hold meetings, and distribute anti-war literature to GIs at Fort Jackson.

Some of the Eight are in the stockade and some are confined to barracks. Col. Thomas Maertens, commanding officer of the Fort, says that they are not being held to assure their presence at trial, but rather to assure "the good order and welfare" of the base.

As usual, civil courts have refused to interfere with the administration of military "justice." A writ of habeas corpus, filed by attorney David Rein of the GI Civil Liberties Defense Committee, was rejected by Federal District Judge Donald Russell on April 28. Russell said that the

defendants should appeal their confinement to the military courts.

The Army's message to its enlisted men is plain and simple. As company commander Capt. Wishart put it to his men on March 28: "There are people in this company who disagree with some of the Army's policies and with the war in Vietnam. Four are in the stockade. Three more are under arrest. It is wise not to get involved in these things. Because when I put someone in the stockade, I make sure he stays there for a good long while."

Pre court-martial hearings, held April 24, revealed just how uptight the brass has become. Key witness for the Army was Private John W. Huffman, an informer who, working at the instruction of the company commander, had become heavily involved in GI United activities (to the point of becoming recording secretary in order to keep meeting records). Huffman has been promoted to a military police company, and his scheduled transfer to Germany has been rescinded.

The case of the Fort Jackson Eight follows the court-martial conviction of five other Fort Jackson GIs. Their conviction resulted from participation in GI United activities, such as circulating an anti-war petition.

Court-martial proceedings are only the most publicly visible method of suppressing GI anti-war opinion. Other methods include near-permanent assignment to KP duty (an 18-hour work shift) and daily "GI parties" (a thorough barracks clean-up, usually done once a week). Three Fort Jackson GI's are on a 5AM to 5PM work shift, assigned to strip and wax the same barracks floor every day. Anti-war GI's are often summarily transferred to other posts, or shipped off to Vietnam prior to ordinary schedule.

GIs United has responded with increased activity. A petition urging the release of the Eight has drawn support on and off the base. The court-martial is being used as an organizing tool for Fort Jackson GIs.

At Fort Bragg, N.C., GIs have announced the formation of their own GIs United, adopted the statement of aims issued by the Fort Jackson group, and sent a sheaf of signed support petitions to the commanding General at Fort Jackson. Many of the Fort Bragg anti-war group are returned Vietnam veterans.

Meanwhile, at Fort Dix, N.J., Specialist 4 Harold P. Muskat was convicted of passing on issues of "The Bond" (the anti-war paper of the American Servicemen's Union) to a fellow GI. Specialist 4 John A. Myers was acquitted of charges of "pasting up an anti-war sticker" because of "insufficient evidence." Myers had been held restricted to his company area for two weeks before charges were brought against him.

At Camp Pendelton, California, two Black marines are appealing prison sentences of ten and six years at hard labor for having urged fellow Blacks not to take part in "a white man's war."

In San Francisco, the infamous Presidio "mutiny" trial has brought heavy sentences for GIs participating in a sit-in protest of prison conditions, and the murder of a stockade prisoner by a prison guard.

The Army has become so uptight that they are simply trying to discharge some of the active anti-war GIs. This was the case with Private Joe Cole, one of the Fort Jackson activists. Cole is appealing the discharge. Many GI's have openly joined with civilian anti-war protesters. On Easter Weekend, for example, hundreds of soldiers marched in peace parades in numerous cities across the country.

Coffee houses which support GI anti-war activities have sprung up at most big Army bases across the country. They are offering GI's a refuge from Army discipline, a place to dig (and do) some counter-culture (rock bands and the like), as well as read underground papers and talk politics. Soldiers on many bases are publishing their own underground newspapers.

Another symptom of growing anti-war sentiment has been the growth of conscientious objector applications by GIs. At Fort Lewis, Wash., two

GI conscientious objector applicants were forcibly loaded onto transport planes and shipped to Vietnam. In Oakland, Calif., Army reservist Bradish Morse, another conscientious objector, was not permitted to appeal his classification as an active soldier, and was dragged bodily onto the plane.

The Army has good reason to be alarmed. Their organization depends on blind obedience. The anti-war activities of courageous GIs have seriously undermined what the Army chooses to call "morale."

In 1968, the Army has admitted, 155,536 soldiers went absent without leave (AWOL) and 53,357 deserted from the Army entirely. That means that desertions equaled one-sixth the number drafted that year: One desertion every ten minutes of every day. An AWOL every three minutes.

As a Pentagon spokesman told the New York Times, "We do not have everything under control."

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TEXAS FACTORY IS BATTLEFIELD

LONE STAR, Tex. (LNS) -- Private guards and state police protect some 2,000 scab employees of the Lone Star Steel Company as they go about their business of manufacturing steel pipe for the oil and gas industry and bomb castings for the Vietnam War.

A strike against the plant by the United Steelworkers (the issue is higher pay) has been in progress for six months, and violence has broken out on several occasions. One worker was shotgunned to death as he went to work one evening, and several others have been injured by gunshot or beatings. At least five devices have been exploded on company grounds, according to a report in The Wall Street Journal.

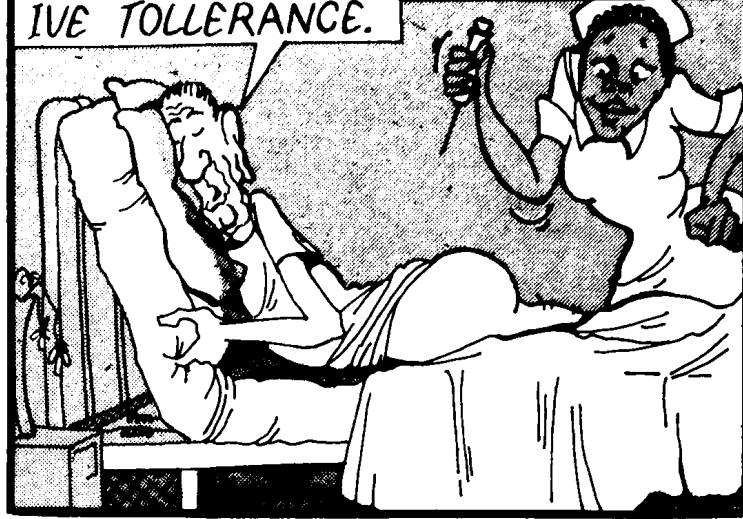
The situation is so tense that some 500 workers sleep in the plant. One of them, a 22-year-old Air Force veteran, observed: "It's just like Vietnam, only the pay is better."

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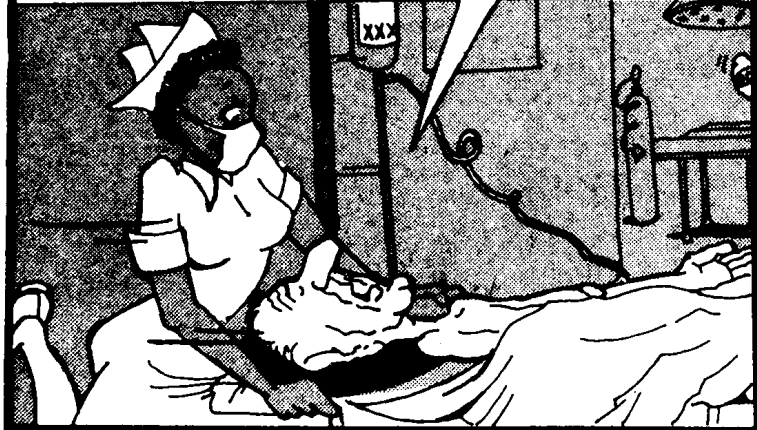
THE ART OF HOLDING ONTO
POWER IS OUR AMERICAN
SYSTEM'S KNOW-HOW.



GIVEN THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS,
DISSENTERS HELP MAINTAIN THE
STATUS-QUO. WE CALL IT REPRESS-
IVE TOLLERANCE.



IT WORKS THIS WAY: YOU LET DISSIDENTS
SAY WHATEVER THEY PLEASE IN A SYSTEM
LOADED IN FAVOR OF THE POWERFUL
ÉLITES. THE DISSIDENTS LET OFF
STEAM IN A CONTROLLED WAY, AND
THE CONTROLLERS KEEP POWER.



THE TRICK IS TO MAKE CHANGE LOOK
SO TANTALIZINGLY CLOSE THAT IT DULLS
THE EDGE OF MILITANCY, AND MAKES
REVOLUTIONARY REFORM IMPOSSIBLE.



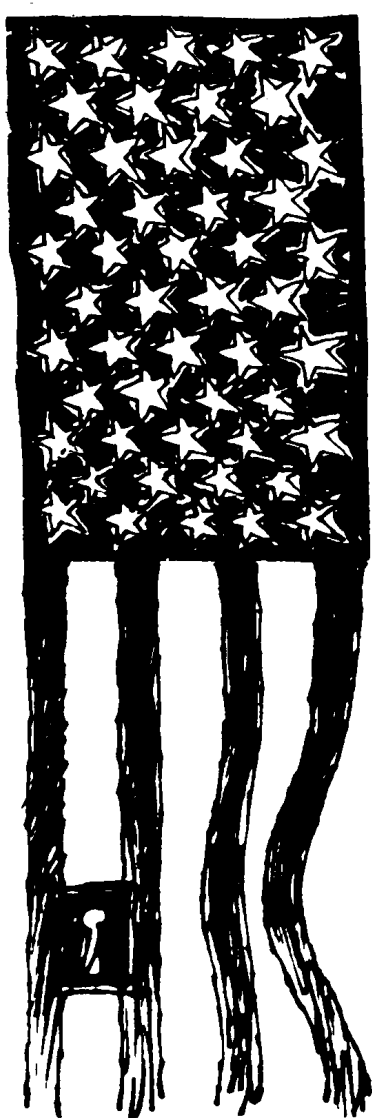
OF COURSE, AFTER 4 OR 8 YEARS,
PEOPLE WILL START BLAMING YOU
PERSONALLY FOR THE LACK OF CHANGE.



SO YOU CHANGE
YOUR FACE.



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FREEDOM!

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Top: G.I. Peace March, Chicago (week end of April 5-6) Credit Ken Love/ LNS.

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Malcolm X

May 19, 1925 — Feb. 21, 1965

MALCOLM X Credit the Oakland Observer/LNS.

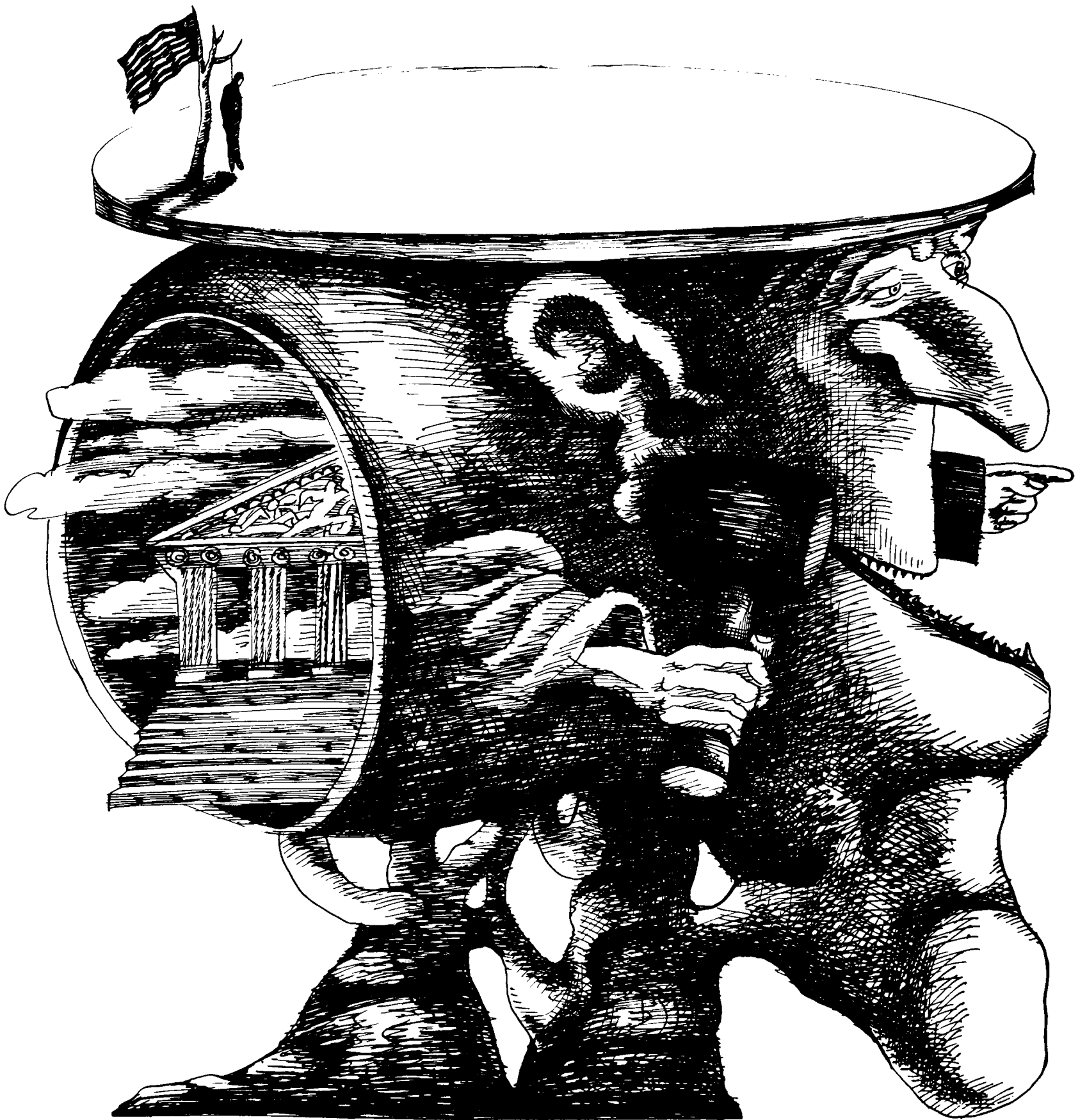
For Malcolm X's birthday, May 19, 1925. We thought papers might want to run this picture with quotes. (See quotes on page 2.)



Pollution caused by Oil Companies. Evil man uses oil derrick as magic wand to create growth on his tongue consisting of derricks and skull and crossbones. (See story on slippery oil professors whose contracts with oil companies made them refuse to testify about the pollution the oil industry causes in LNS #155.) Credit Paul Spina/LNS.



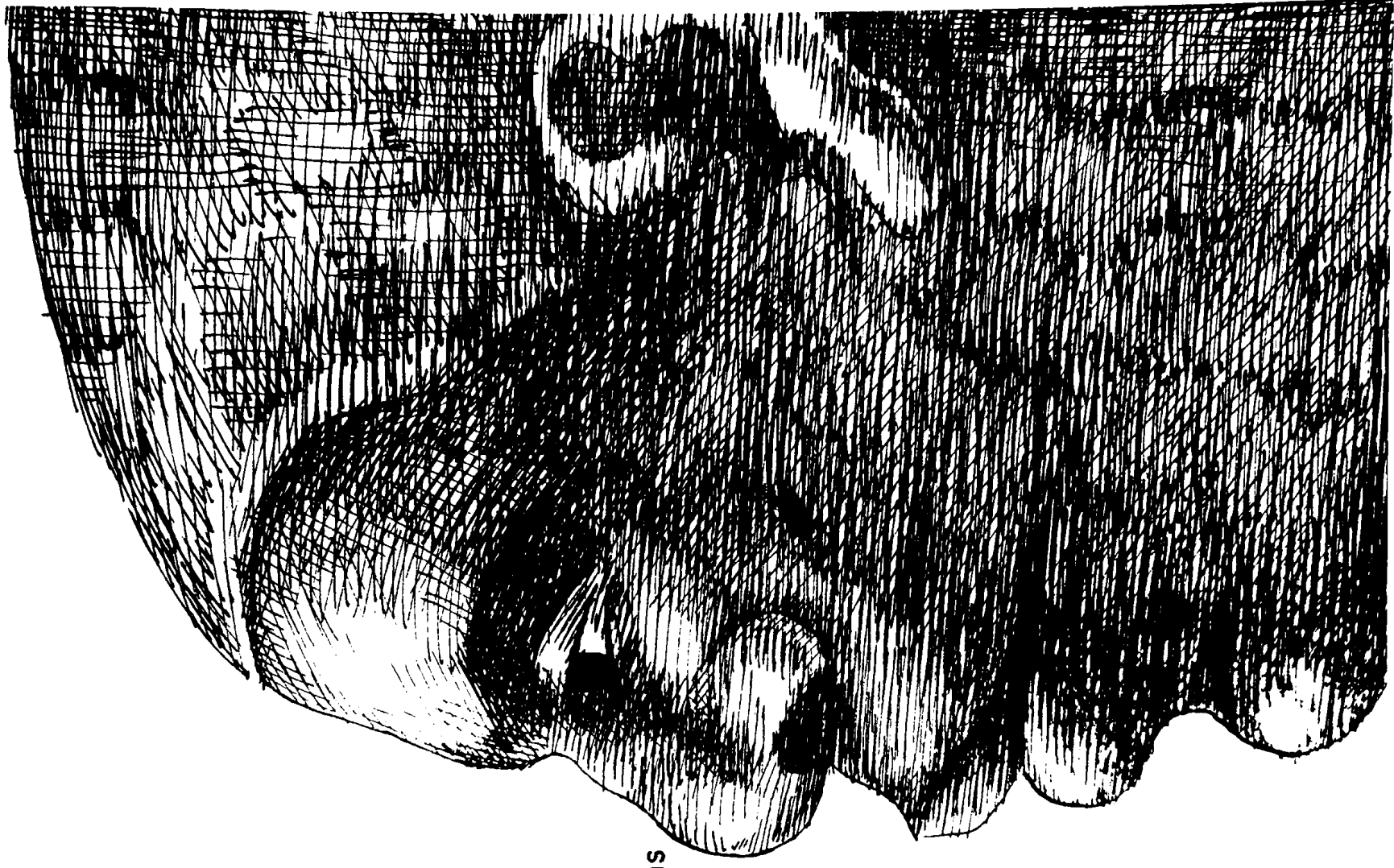
On American Law 'n Order/ Credit Paul Spina/LNS.
(Can be used with May/Law Day stories or with upcoming story of Lawyers' Committee for
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More on Law 'n Order by Paul Spina/LNS

yeah, america
yeah, why not
campbells soup and all that—right
people walking hand and hand going to church
yeah uh huh
four tickets to the game and a steak dinner—right
grandpa contemplating the state fair
75 degrees inside or out
blue sky except for an occasional marshmallow cloud or two
watering the lawn in the cool of the day
it's summer time and the living is easy
all the youth is home from school and war
god has got to be smiling
even the birds seem to be happy
the whole world is a glorious green with a constant hint of apple blossoms
golden haired girls are doing all the things they should
sleep is inevitable
you awake in the midst of a storm
swirling soaring ripping the fabric of your jello illusion
time heated winds burn away steel camouflage
to reveal a crumbling decade matchstick framework
ebony bells toll majestically over all dialouge
"oh my god the country club is on fire"
"we have to re-evaluate, and uh etc etc..."
DONG DONG motherfuckers DING DONG
clouds upon clouds of black anguish engulf your earthly kingdom
lightning bolts of electricly charged history are singeing the earth
huge chunks of history go flying past your pizza filled head
and in downpour you still expect the same old water
but there is only blood blood blood blood blood

on a sunday afternoon by al mitchell



Poem by Al Mitchell/Credit Plain Truth/LNS.
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